

RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

Welcome to our Isis International Resource Center,

In this section of **Women In Action** we update you on the resources acquired by our Resource Center and introduce you to some books, journals, videos, etc. that we think are of interest and use. We welcome your suggestions for additions to our multimedia collection, and we also welcome donations to our collection.

We want to increase our collection of Pacific materials and resources (print and other media) and welcome any materials and suggestions you have. It is possible to have an exchange arrangement for print materials.

Our collection includes books, conference proceedings, workshop/seminar reports, journals, information packs, training modules, theses, other unpublished materials, creative writing and videos.

The Resource Center may provide information through mail and E-mail and can provide photocopies of non-copyright publications upon request.

RCIP Program



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Rituals, Clicks, Ideas & Puns

It is said that 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'. That makes women smarter because we can do both simultaneously.

We challenge you to scan your three-pound universe, make a wild guess, refer to your encyclopedia and seek the tutorial services of your children to answer this all-about-women trivia. Aside from answering the questions, you have to find the words

or phrases inside the box and circle them. Mind you, this is tricky because you will find some of the answers horizontally, vertically, diagonally and in reverse. But don't feel bad if you don't know all of the answers. What counts most is having fun and learning new things (and you can always say 'ah, yes, it just slipped my mind').

BEWARE! We are making this a regular part of this section. Contributions and suggestions are welcome. **SO, HAVE FUNNNNNN!!!**

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CLUES:

1. Widow-burning practice in India.
2. The only remaining feminist print shop in North America, opened in 1970 and closed recently.
3. The most hated word by anti-choice activists.
4. Which Indian Goddess is also known as the *Dark Mother*?
5. Started the Russian Revolution with the cry: '*Bread and Roses*'?
6. Who said: '*But ain't I a woman?*'
7. Egyptian goddess of fertility and wisdom.
8. A Chinese American woman who wrote *Joy Luck Club* and *Kitchen God's Wife*.
9. The meaning of the Greek word *GAIA*.
10. What do you call a womanhater?
11. One of the oldest libraries and archives housing a large collection on women, founded in 1926 in London.
12. Stated by a noted American feminist: '*the definition of woman's work is shitwork*'.
13. A state of being possessed by U.S. President Joseph McCarthy's ghost when seeing gays and lesbians.
14. One of Tracy Chapman's songs telling of racism and 'a major upheaval'.
15. A contemporary female peasant revolutionary leader in Mexico.
16. The place where The World Summit on Social Development will be held in March 1995.
17. *Shulamit Firestone's* milestone book published in 1970.
18. Concept of discrimination that is based on gender or sex.
19. City where the Fourth World Conference on Women will be held in September 1995.
20. What precedes the World Trade Organization?

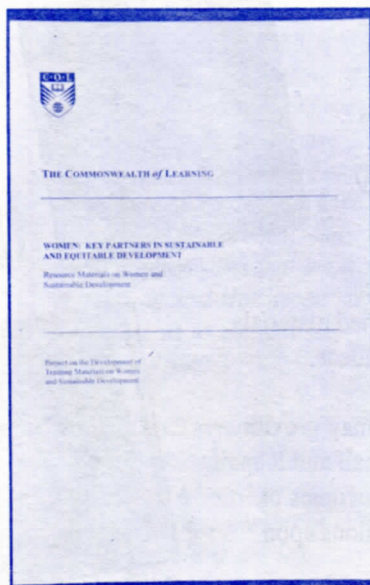
Answers: 1. Sati (Suttee) 2. Press Gang 3. Abortion 4. Kail 5. Women 6. Soljourner Truth 7. Isis 8. Amy Tan 9. Earth 10. Misogynist 11. Fawcett 12. Gloria Steinem 13. Homophobia 14. Talkin' bout a revolution 15. Susana 16. Copenhagen 17. The Dialectic of Sex 18. Sexism 19. Beijing 20. GATT

From our Isis Shelves...

Vyas, Anju and Madhu Mudgal. **The girl child in India: a bibliographic compendium.** New Delhi: Centre for Women's Development Studies, 1992. 205 p. Record No.: CUL 01823.00

This bibliography attempts to provide an overview of the literature on the issues relating to the girl child, and points to some dark areas as well. The information in over 2000 bibliographical entries contained in the work has been taken from about 50 secondary sources, 225 periodicals and newspapers, about 650 research theses, research papers from over 60 conferences, and a number of books and monographs.

Spread over 12 chapters, the entries are arranged broadly under Situational Analysis, Social Attitudes, Family and Socialization, Health, Nutrition and Physical Growth, Education, Child Marriage, Crimes against the Girl Child, Delinquency and Institutional



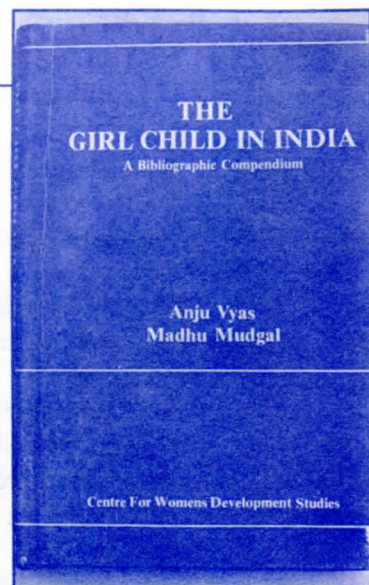
alized Care, Work and Employment, Media, Programs and Policies, Audio-Visual Materials. Includes indexes, and appendices of conferences, secondary reference sources, names of periodicals and newspapers indexed, library collections visited and organizations working on the Girl Child.

Available from: Centre for Women's Development Studies, 25, Bahi Vir Singh Marg, New Delhi - 110001

The Commonwealth of Learning. **Women: key partners in sustainable and equitable development: resource materials on women and sustainable development.** Canada: The Commonwealth of Learning, 1994. 113 p. Record No.: DEV 01825.00

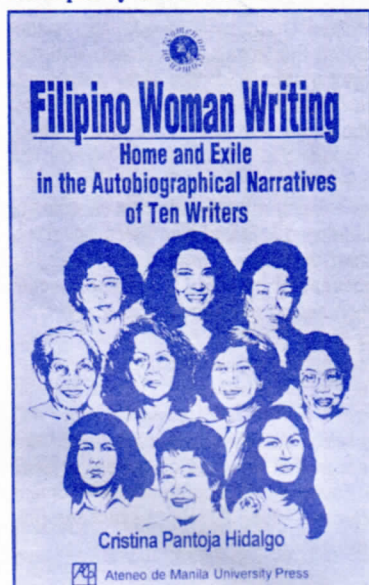
The 15 case studies describe the importance of women's empowerment in sustainable and environmental development. This report consists of three parts. Part I is Success Stories, which contains a wealth of information of probative value on gender roles in environmental management, especially with regard to: women's leadership; effective community participation; and institutional innovation relating to project design and implementation.

Part II is the Users Guide which includes worksheets/matrices intended to enable trainers, trainees and other users of these resources to identify the gender and environment linkages by sector in specific settings, and with regard to



specific environmental problems. Part III is Appendices which provide additional information on the success stories from all Commonwealth countries, with details on the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the presenters and organizations around the world working on gender and environment issues. It also includes nomination forms showing the types of questions elicited from the success story nominees and documents on women and environment.

Available from: The Commonwealth of Learning, #1700-777 Dunsmuir Street, Box 10428, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V7Y 1K4 Tel.: 604 660 4675 Fax: 604 660 7472



Hidalgo, Cristina Pantoja. **Filipino woman writing: home and exile in the autobiographical narratives of ten writers.** Manila: Ateneo de Manila University Press, 1994. 168 p. Record No.: LIT 01863.00

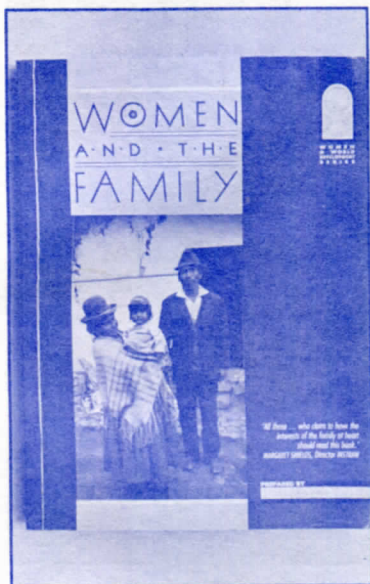
A compilation of selected works by Filipino women writers. Creating the term

autobiographical narratives, and using home and exile as metaphors, the author analyzes some of the works of Paula Carolina Malay, Maria Luna Lopez, Estrella Alfon, Carmen Guerrero-Nakpil, Kerima Polotan Tuvera, Barbara Gonzales, Cecilia Manguerra-Brainard, Sylvia Mayuga, Rosario Garcellano and Gilda Cordero-Fernando. She shows how these writings manifest

what they undergo as women, as writers, and as Filipino women writing in English. She also shows the ways in which these writers handled common concerns of women such as selfhood and identity, marriage, career and motherhood.

Available from: Ateneo de Manila University Press, Bellarmine Hall, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Hts., Q.C.

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O'Connell, Helen. **Women and the family.** London: Zed Books, 1994. 140 p. Record No.: FAM 01844.00

The family impacts upon every aspect of women's lives: early education and socialization, sexuality, and the ways in which they learn their roles as wives, mothers and carers. In recent years, the changing nature of the family has sparked considerable debate and

controversy. This book takes a comprehensive look at family structures worldwide and women's roles within them, particularly in the context of women's increasing challenge to men's power in the family. It also considers the factors underlying the rising divorce rate now affecting families in the North and South.

The book explores the contradictions for women that are inherent in the family. For many it is a place of security and support, but conversely it may be an instrument of oppression, subordination and brutality. Finally, it examines the internal and external influences on the family and women's place within it, and the role of the state in providing support for families.

Available from: Zed Books Ltd, 7 Cynthia Street, London N1 9JF UK or 165 First Avenue Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey 07716, USA

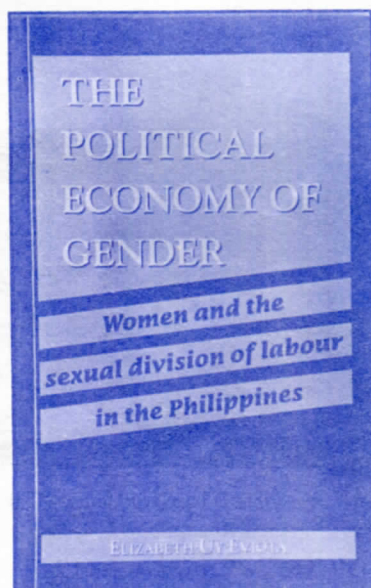
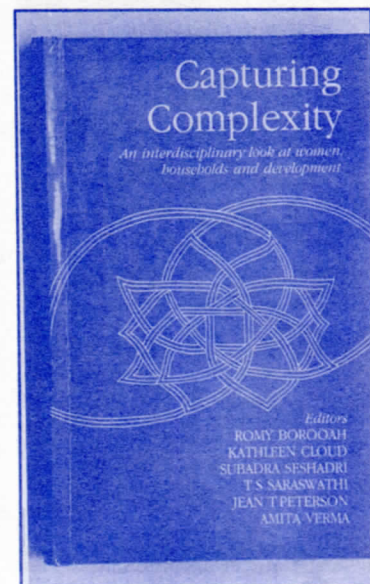
Capturing complexity: an interdisciplinary look at women, households and development. Edited by Romy Borooah and others. New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1994. 342 p. Record No.: ECO 01822.00

While there is a considerable and growing body of literature concerning the role of women in social and economic development, appropriate research methods have yet to be developed to fully encompass the multiple dimensions of women's productive and reproductive activities as individuals and as members of households. This important volume is a major step in improving the quality and quantity of data on women.

The book focuses on three central arguments: a) that special research methods are needed for obtaining information on women; b) that

household-level studies can capture the complexity of factors that affect individual behavior and choice; and c) that such information is critical to the formulation of more efficient programs and policies.

Available from: Sage Publications India Pty Ltd, M-32 Greater Kailash Market I, New Delhi 110 048



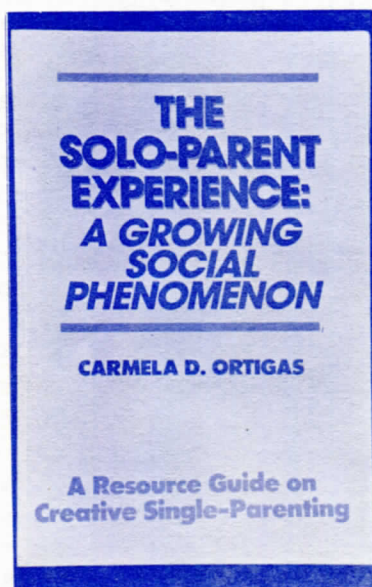
Ewiota, Elizabeth Uy. **The political economy of gender: women and the sexual division of labour in the Philippines.** London: Zed Books, 1992. 212p. Record No.: ECO 01721.00 B

The book explores the intersection between gender ideology and the sexual

division of labour in the Philippines. It looks at the sexual division of labour across diverse aspects of social life and within town and country, family and state, forms of property, exchange, trade and technology. The author shows how gender relations are interlinked with Spanish and U.S. colonization to the present day. She criticizes the information on women

found in historical accounts and official documents, and attempts to correct this by bringing in the concept of gender relations.

Available from: Zed Books Ltd, 7 Cynthia Street, London N1 9JF UK or 165 First Avenue Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey 07716, USA or from (Reprint) Institute of Women's Studies, St. Scholastica's College, L. Guinto, Malate, Manila, Philippines



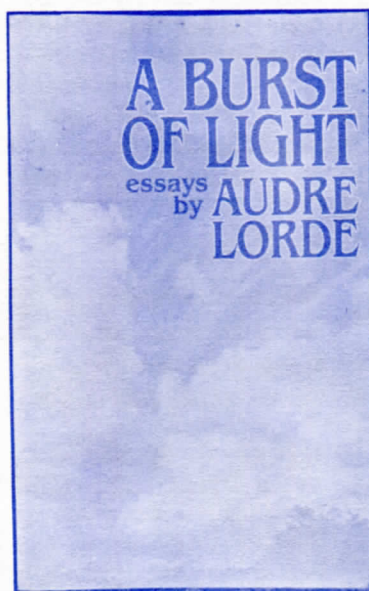
Ortigas, Carmela D. The solo-parent experience: a growing social phenomenon. A resource guide on creative single-parenting. Manila: Office of Research and Publications, Ateneo de Manila University, 1991. 105 p.

Record No.: FAM 01868.00

The book highlights the major stressors affecting of solo-parents: surviving the pain of loss and separation, raising small and adolescent children independently of a spouse, confronting social acceptance and pressures, dealing with economic realities on a reduced income. Moreover, the author, a professional psychologist, offers solo-parents insightful and practical guidelines for coping with, and creative strategies for counteracting,

the adverse effects of these stressors, thus enabling them to effectively manage their single-parent families.

Available from: Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Tel.: (632) 998721-25 Fax: (632) 9216159



Lorde, Audre. A burst of light. New York: Firebrand Books, 1988. 134 p. Record No.: SEX 01707.00

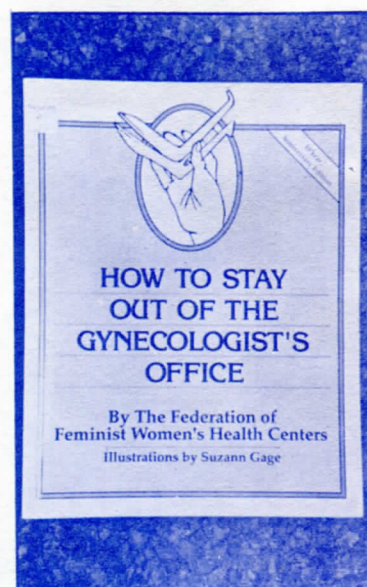
Audre Lorde's strength and signifying words continue to contribute to a deepened feminist vision. Black poet, lesbian, mother, and fighter for freedom, she used her life -- both the joy and the pain -- as material for her own transformation, and for the readers. Her essays are about sadomasochism, black women organizing across sexualities, apartheid, lesbian parenting and cancer. Winner of a 1989 Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award.

Available from: Firebrand Books, 141 The Commons, Ithaca, New York 14850

Federation of Feminist Women's Health Centers. How to stay out of the Gynecologist's office. Edited by Carol Downer and others. California: Women to Women Publications, 1981. 136 p. Record No.: HEA 01738.00

Presents information about common health problems based on the authors experiences in Self-Help and in providing well-woman care in women-controlled clinics. However, every woman's health situation is unique, and the reader is urged to consider not only the information as presented herein, but also the opinion of health care professionals, and most importantly, her own experiences and feelings.

The book emphasizes that most women who visits a gynecologist's office are well women, and that most problems are minor and better dealt with

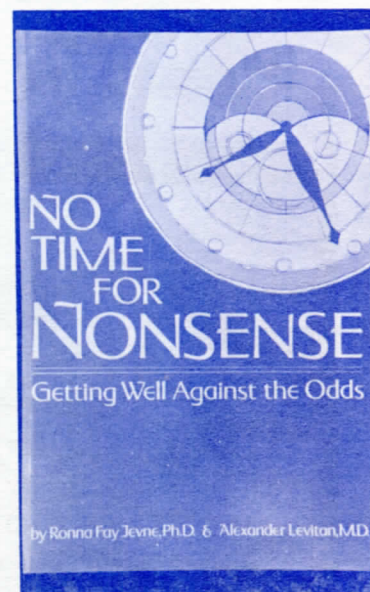


using natural methods and prevention. However, sometimes true illness is present. If a symptom persists, or if a woman notices anything beyond the descriptions or scope of this book, she should not hesitate to seek professional care.

Available from: Women to Women Publication, Suite 1105, 1680 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California 90028

Jevne, Ronna Fay and Alexander Levitan. No time for nonsense: getting well against the odds. California: California: LuraMedia. 1989, 211 p.

A self-help manual for the seriously-ill whether physical or emotional. It teaches sick people how to learn to live with their illness. It discusses the most common problems that people with a chronic or life-threatening illness run into, including practical difficulties. It gives ideas about skills and attitudes which patients use and that have promoted their sense of health and well-being.

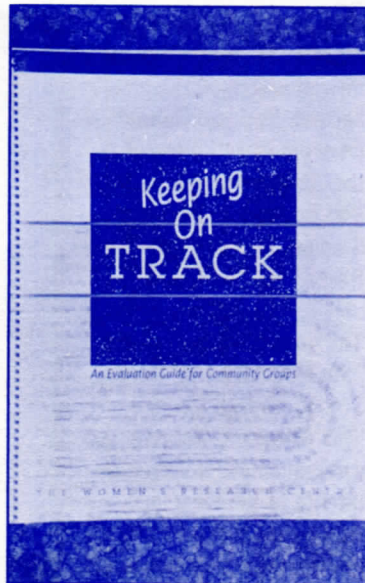


Available from: LuraMedia, 7060 Miramar Road, Suite 104, San Diego, CA 92121

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Ellis, Diana and others.
Keeping on track: an evaluation guide for community groups.
 Vancouver BC: Women's Research Centre, 1990. 77 p. Record No.: SOC 01824.00

This guide outlines a method of evaluation that has been developed especially for a range of non-profit community groups with a social change orientation. It pays particular attention to the needs of AIDS community service organizations. This will be useful to community groups as well as funders. It describes a method that meets the standard criteria for evaluation. Includes appendices on background materials, data



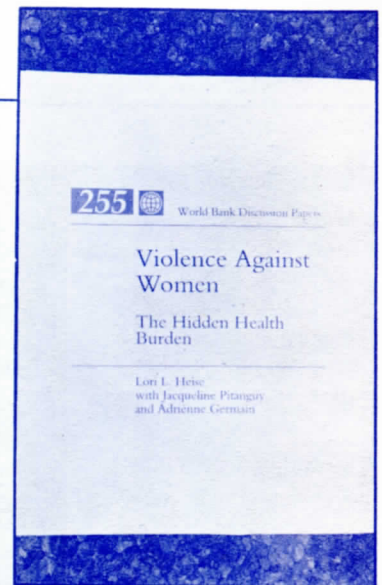
gathering tools, and samples of evaluations.

Available from: Women's Research Centre, #101-2245 West Broadway, Vancouver BC, Canada V6K 2E4

Heise, Lori L. and others.
Violence against women: the hidden health burden.
 Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 1994. 72 p. Record No.: VAW 01896.00

This paper draws together existing data on the dimensions of violence against women worldwide and reviews available literature on the health consequences of abuse. It also explores the relationship between violence and other pressing issues, such as maternal mortality, health care utilization, child survival, AIDS preventions, and socioeconomic development.

To assist policymakers in addressing this issue, the paper explores interventions in primary prevention, justice system reform, health care response, programs to assist victims, and treatment and reeducation programs for perpetrators. It argues that any strategy to combat violence



must attack the root causes of the problem in addition to treating its symptoms. This means challenging the social attitudes and beliefs that undergird men's violence and renegotiating the meaning of gender and sexuality and the balance of power between women and men at all levels of society. [If only they'd stop SAP's which cause women so much hardship.]

Available from: The World Bank, Headquarters, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433, U.S.A. Tel. (202) 477-1234 Fax: (202) 477-6391

TO OUR READERS:

Just to give you an idea of what we cradle in our racks, here's a descriptive list of some of the journals that we regularly receive.



Agenda About Women and Gender

29 Ecumenical Centre Trust, 20 Andrews St., Durban, 4001, South Africa. 'As a feminist project, is committed to giving women a forum, a voice and skills to articulate their needs and interests towards transforming unequal gender relations in South Africa.' This quarterly journal 'aims to question and challenge current understanding of gender relations and how these are practised.'

Sister Namibia

P.O. Box 40092, Windhoek, Namibia. 'A newsjournal by,

for and about women' which is published bimonthly. It was started by Sister Collective which 'is committed to the elimination of sexism, racism and homophobia.' They also want 'to challenge structures, myths and stereotypes that are oppressive to women.' Sister Collective also maintains a women's library in Windhoek.

SPEAK: Putting Women First

P.O. Box 556, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa. A monthly magazine which speaks bravely about the rights and welfare of women not only in Africa but in other parts of the globe.

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The Asian Church Woman
91-175 Shin Soo Dong, Mapo-Ku, Seoul 121, Korea. A quarterly news bulletin that gives opportunity in experience-sharing as one 'grows and struggles in her everyday life toward betterment in Christ. It also seeks to make links and network with those who are concerned with women's role,

status and participation in the just and peaceful society.' It also views women's rights as integral to human rights.

Friends of Women Newsletter

1379/30 Soi Praditchai, Phahonyothin Rd., Samsen-nai Bangkok 10400. A biannual publication of the Friends of Women Foundation. Their objectives are to share experience and information about the situation of Thai women and to inform their supporters about FOW's activities.

Human Rights Forum

Rm. 508 FMSG Building, #9 Balet Drive, Quezon City, Philippines 1112, tel. 721 34 82 Fax. 7217814. A semi-annual publication of the Philippine Human Rights Information Center, PhilRights, a service institution of the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA), it is the main data and research center of PAHRA. Each issue attempts

to carry an article on women's rights. Critical contributions are invited at the above address. PhilRights has slide presentations and video documentaries.

Manushi

C/202 Lajpat Nagar 1, New Delhi-110024, India. A bimonthly 'journal about women and society.' It carries articles on how women in South Asian countries are affected by its laws, beliefs and practices. This journal relies solely on subscriptions and contributions and does not accept advertisements or grants for support.

Women's News Digest

444-446 Nathan Road, 8A, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Published quarterly by the Association for the Advancement of Feminism. 'Each issue contains reports on women's issues and women's movement in Hong Kong and selection of newspaper clippings on women in Hong Kong and China.'

From AUSTRALIA
& THE PACIFIC



Australian Feminist Studies
Research Centre for Women's Studies, University of Adelaide, South Australia 5005. Comes out semi-annually. It publishes 'material in the fields of Women's Studies and feminist scholarship' which also includes 'critique based within mainstream academic disciplines, and research and discussion that transcends the conventional boundaries between academic disciplines.'

Broadsheet

P.O. Box 56-147, Auckland, New Zealand. Published quarterly by the Womanfile Collective and covers a wide range of interesting and timely feminist topics. Now on its twenty-second year.

Womanspeak

P.O. Box 103 Spit Junction NSW, Australia 2088. A quarterly magazine that features feminist issues raised by Australian and New Zealand women.

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Canadian Women's Studies

212 Founders College, York University 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario, M3J 1P3, Canada. 'A feminist quarterly which was founded with the goal of making current writing and research on a wide variety of feminist topics accessible to the largest possible community of women.' Now in its 15th year of publishing English and French contributions 'that deal with issues pertaining to the lives of women of colour, Aboriginal women, immigrant women, working class women, lesbians and other marginalized women.'

Fireweed

P.O. Box 279, Station B, Toronto, Canada, M5T 2W2. A feminist quarterly of writing, politics, art and culture. 'Fireweed, a hardy perennial so called because it is the first growth to reappear in fire-scarred areas; a troublesome weed which spreads like wildfire invading clearings, bombsites, wasteland and other disturbed areas.'

Kinesis

#301 - 1720 Grant Street, Vancouver, BC V5L 2Y6, Canada. A tabloid size newspaper published ten times a year by the Vancouver Status of Women. Its aims 'are to be a non-sectarian feminist voice for women and to work actively for social change, specifically combatting sexism, racism, classism, homophobia, ableism, and imperialism.'

MS. Magazine

P.O. Box 57132, Boulder, CO 80322-7132 U.S.A. A 'no-advertising, editorially free' and having an international focus. It relies mainly on readers subscriptions for it to come up with feminist (mind you, all shades!) articles. For 22 years, women of color have been very well represented in this bimonthly publication. It is the only magazine which tunes to its readers with 6 pages of letters to the editor per issue.



From NORTH AMERICA

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society

The University of Chicago Press, Journals Division, P.O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637. Comes out four times a year. It has 'played a remarkable role in the scholarly study of women in culture and society.'

From LATIN AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN



CAFRA News

P.O. Bag 442, Tunapuna, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies. A quarterly newsletter by the Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action. It is 'committed to understanding the relationship between the oppression of women and other forms of oppression in the society, and working actively for change.'

Mujer/Fempres

Casilla 16-637, Santiago 9, Chile. Red de comunicacion alternativa de la mujer. (Women's alternative

communication network) It is a monthly magazine for feminists in the Spanish language.

NACLA: Report on the Americas

#475 Riverside Drive, Suite 454, New York, NY 10115. A bimonthly publication by the North American Congress on Latin America, Inc. (NACLA). NACLA is an independent non-profit organization founded in 1966 to research the political economy of the Americas.